

We claim:

1 1. A computer implemented method of generating a document, comprising:
2 providing a first user interface with which a first user may generate a document
3 template;
4 providing a second user interface with which a second user may generate a content
5 file related to the document template, the functionality available through the
6 second user interface being determined by a user other than the second user;
7 and
8 combining the document template and the content file to generate the document.

1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the functionality of the second user interface is
2 determined by the first user.

3 3. The method of claim 1, wherein:
4 the document template and the content file are stored at a first server; and
5 after combining the document template and the content file to generate the document,
6 the document is sent to a second server.

7 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the functionality available through the second user
8 interface comprises functionality to create content files related to at least one document template
specified by the first user.

1 5. The method of claim 4, wherein the functionality available through the second user
2 interface does not include functionality to create content files related to a second document
3 template that is not specified by the first user.

1 6. The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving through the first user interface
2 data defining the document template.

1 7. The method of claim 6, wherein the data defining the document template further
2 defines what data is entered to generate the content file related to that template file.

1 8. The method of claim 6, wherein the data defining the document template further
2 defines the functionality available through the second user interface.

1 9. The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving through the second user interface
2 data defining the content file.

1 10. A document production system, comprising:

2 a user interface module for:

3 providing a first user interface to a first user with which the first user may
4 generate a document template; and

5 providing a second user interface to a second user with which the second user may
6 generate at least one content file related to the document template, the
7 functionality available through the second user interface being selected by a
8 user other than the second user;

9 a database for storing the document template and the at least one content file;

10 a document module connected to the user interface module for combining the
11 document template and the content file to generate a document; and

12 a publish module for outputting the generated document.

13 11. The system of claim 10, wherein the functionality available through the second user
14 interface comprises functionality to create a plurality of content files related to at least a first
15 document template, the identity of the first document template specified by the first user.

1 12. The system of claim 11, wherein the functionality available through the second user
2 interface does not include functionality to create content files related to a second document
3 template that is not specified by the first user.

1 13. The system of claim 10, wherein the user interface module receives through the first
2 user interface data defining the document template.

1 14. The system of claim 13, wherein the data defining the document template further
2 defines what data is entered to generate the content file related to that template file.

1 15. The method of claim 13, wherein the data defining the document template further
2 defines the functionality available through the second user interface.

1 16. The system of claim 10, further comprising a file manager module for storing a
2 relationship between the document template and the content file.

1 17. A computer implemented method of generating a document, comprising:
2 receiving data defining a document template;
3 receiving content data to be added to the document template; and
4 combining the document template to the content data to generate the document.

1 18. The method of claim 17, wherein the content data is received through a user interface
2 having functionality defined by a first user.

1 19. The method of claim 17, wherein:
2 the content data is received through a user interface having functionality defined by a
3 first user; and
4 the data defining the document template further defines the functionality available
5 through the user interface.

1 20. The method of claim 17, wherein the data defining the document template further
2 defines what data types comprise the content data.

1 21. The method of claim 18, wherein the content data is received from a second user.

1 22. The method of claim 18, wherein the functionality defined by the first user includes
2 functionality allowing the second user to add content data to a document template specified by
3 the first user, but not other document templates not specified by the first user.

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